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The September appeal list at Montreal, showed considerable activity in the inscription of new cases, no less than 33 having been added since the appearance of the May list. The September total was 64, an increase of 3 over the May list. Apparently, however, the September term follows too closely on the vacation, or the vacation terminates too soon, for there was a remarkable unreadiness on the part of counsel. After the entire list had been called over more than once, and several adjournments had been made at an earlier hour than usual, the Court was forced to rise on the 22nd September, five days before the end of the term, only 16 of the 64 cases having been heard. Of course, in many of these cases there is a considerable amount of evidence to be copied and printed, and the preparation of the factums is thereby delayed, the result being that the argument of the case is postponed to a later term. But making every allowance for this obstacle, the total of cases continued to next term—48 out of 64—seems unduly large, especially when we recall the public complaints of delay in the Court of Appeal, and the eagerness which used to be displayed to have cases declared privileged and accorded precedence.